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In re Patent Application of:)
Hager et al.)
Serial No.: 10/003,529) Group Art Unit: 1774
Confirmation No. 8583)
Filed: October 31, 2001) Examiner: Jill M. Gray
For: Roofing Materials Having Engineered Coatings)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

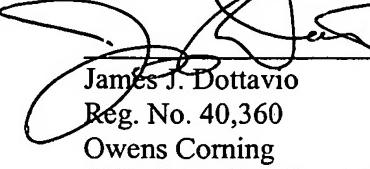
In response to the March 28, 2003, office action, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement, for as Applicants believe the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Specifically, the rod of claim 1 is a rod for optical cables, which is the subject of group IV. More specifically, the limitations of the rod of claim 1 are found in the cable of claim 10. Similarly, the method of Group III describes making a rod according to Group I, and the method of Group II relates to the cable of Group IV, and the limitations found in Group III to make the rod of Group I for the cable of Group IV are also found in the process to make the cable in Group II. Accordingly, the Examiner will be in these art areas while conducting the searches for such claims, and will be considering the same references for the same limitations.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-8, and if Applicants request for reconsideration is denied, Applicant provisionally requests cancellation of the claims relating to the non-elected groups.

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If any questions should arise with respect to the above remarks, or if it would in any way expedite the prosecution of this case, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fee for a required extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for which Applicant hereby petitions, please charge all necessary fees to the deposit account.

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